



Dear parents

Welcome to our Christmas Production 2012, "Doorways to Christmas". This year we are taking the performances outside so we thought it would be useful to give you the following information. Please keep it in a safe place to refer back to.

The children are working in 2 casts over two days

Hazel, Beech and Walnut (Chestnut for the choir)

Tuesday 11th December @ 4.30pm

Wednesday 12th December @ 9.30am

Willow, Oak and Chestnut (Walnut for the choir)

Wednesday 12th December @ 4.30pm

Thursday 13th December @ 9.30am.

PLEASE NOTE: Year 2 children will need to attend all performances. They will be taking the lead roles on the day of their class performance, and singing as part of the choir at the other performance - we really need their volume and their enthusiasm!

4.30 Afternoon performances

TIMINGS: The children will leave school at 3.00pm as usual. They then need to return to their classroom at **4pm**. They will need to be delivered to their classrooms where staff will sort out their costumes and get them ready for the performance at 4.30.

COSTUMES: Their costume will go over their clothes and it is vital they are wearing winter layers to keep them warm underneath (ideally we do not want coats over the top). Lots of thermal layers and a thin windproof layer on the top would work well.

PARENTS: There will be tea and coffee and mince pies available in the hall for parents while you wait for the performance to start.

The performance should last around half an hour, and will move through several locations outside before finishing in the hall, so the audience needs to be well wrapped up too! It will be vital that parents listen for

guidance about where to move and when so that we can ensure the safety of the children and the best possible show.

GOING HOME: All children will go back to their classrooms after the performance and can be collected from there. If your child is in the performance but you are not watching it then please collect them from their classroom around 5.15.

PUPs will be running in the alternate Year 1 classroom to that days performance.

9.30 Morning performances

TIMINGS: Children will come to school at the normal time to be ready for the 9.30 performance.

COSTUMES: Please send the children who are performing that day (including all of year 2) to school already wearing their warm clothes. Please send a NAMED plastic bag so that layers that they don't need during the day can be removed. It also really helps if all their clothes are named.

It will be mufti for all the children on these 2 days.

PARENTS: There will be tea and coffee and mince pies available in the hall for parents while you wait for the performance to start.

We hope that we have thought of most of the things that need to happen, but as this is our first time outside other thoughts may occur during rehearsals, so please look out for extra information. We really want this to be a fun and magical experience for everyone, and your support while we try something new is really appreciated.

Happy Christmas!

Nicola, Rosie and the Pewley team.